

TAPT IN AN AMUSING FLIGHT

HAS TO GO TO BED WHILE HIS CLOTHES ARE DRIED.

Leaves the Yosemite After a Dripping Walk Down the Trail From Glacier Point—The President Teases Naturalist Muir Gently on the Walk Down.

EL PASO, Cal., Oct. 9.—President Taft's rest at Yosemite Park is over and to-morrow morning he will resume his speechmaking tour. He will stop off at Merced in the morning long enough to attend service at the Presbyterian Church and in the afternoon he will speak before the united church congregations of Fresno.

The President will reach Los Angeles early on Monday morning and after a two days stay there will turn east. The President left the park this afternoon, burned by the sun of three days staging and feeling fit to face the most enthusiastic local committees that ever arranged a banquet. The President also came out singing the beauties of the Yosemite like other tourists and determined to do everything in his power to preserve them and make them more accessible to the public.

With the President when he left the park was John Muir, the naturalist, who had been close at his side for three days. To him the President tendered his sincere thanks for having unfolded before his eyes many of the beauties of the park that otherwise would have passed unnoticed.

The culmination of the President's alighting tour of the park came properly enough on his last day there, when he descended on foot the steep winding trail from Glacier Point to the foot of the Yosemite Valley. It took the President three hours to make the descent, and almost every step opened up a glorious panorama. It was a four mile walk for the President over rocks and through sand and ankle deep in places, but Mr. Taft stood it better than other members of his party. Congressmen McKinley and Needham, Californians, both gave out and had to call for horses that were being led by cavalrymen in the rear of the party.

The President while sympathizing with them mopped his brow and laughed heartily as the two Californians were helped into their saddles. The trail at times took him along the brink of precipices where a slip or a fall might have been fatal. The President stopped for only two brief rests on the walk down, and his face was streaming with perspiration when he finally landed on the floor of the valley. A stage was waiting for him and carried him to one of the Sentinel Hotel's rooms. The President had expected to find his baggage at the hotel, but it hadn't arrived. His clothes were soaking with perspiration, and so, like the boy who had only one shirt, the President undressed and went to bed. He was in bed more than an hour while his clothing was being dried in the kitchen of the Sentinel Hotel.

The President probably would have had to take his luncheon in bed if the stage with the baggage had not arrived just in time. The President took the going to bed incident as a good joke. He knew that it was hopeless to call upon any of the members of his party to help him out in his plight. The President was up this morning in time to see the sun rise; that is, he appeared on the veranda of the Glacier Point Hotel in both slippers and pajamas and watched the eastern light gradually break over the snowcapped Sierras and chase the shadows from the valley 3,300 feet below him. The President's room at the little hotel looked out across the valley to the giant half dome of opposite wall, and he had requested that he be awakened as the sun came up. Afterward the President returned to his room for another hour's nap.

Major W. W. Forsythe, superintendent of the park, had planned to take the President down the four mile trail on mule back. He had two mules, either of which he allowed, would carry the President safely. Mr. Taft declined and taking a strong mountain climber's staff started the descent. Before leaving Glacier Point, though, he had one more view of the valley from the famous overhanging rock. When the President started on his downward trip he was 7,200 feet above sea level, and some of his friends were fearful that he would find the walking too strenuous, but the altitude didn't cause him any discomfort.

Mr. Muir explained to the President when he started that the Glacier Point trail was never originally by a thirty man who lived on the top of the cliff. His wife wouldn't allow him to keep any whiskey in the house, and to get it he had to go down to the hotel in the valley. There weren't many places where he could make the descent, but he found there and opened up the trail, which the Government later improved so that a sober man could travel it with safety.

The President had a good deal of fun with the aged naturalist on the walk down. Mr. Muir has spent many years of his life in the Yosemite and he admits that he is in love with it. The mere suggestion by the President of the possibility of cultivating anything on the floor of the valley was sufficient to cause the old man to pause on the edge of a cliff and deliver a little sermon.

"Why!" he exclaimed, "this is nature's cathedral, a place to pray in! See these two fields with fences around them. It is a shame, a sacrilege. You might just as well set up a free lunch counter in a corner of a great cathedral as to put these fields in the midst of this magnificent structure."

"Now that would make an excellent place for a dam," the President remarked in a spirit of fun, pointing to the great El Capitan on one side and the Sentinel on the other.

"A dam!" exclaimed the naturalist. "Yes, but the man who would dam that would be damning himself." The President chuckled, then told the naturalist how the San Francisco people were worried when they heard that he was going through the Yosemite in company with their Mr. Muir. The San

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SUICIDE IN AN AUTO.

Harry M. Coger Shoots Himself in Front of His Brooklyn Home.

Harry M. Coger, a varnish manufacturer, shot himself last night as he was sitting in an automobile across the street from his home, 72 Midwood street, Brooklyn. His wife with her sister and her brother-in-law came to the door of the house just as he fired. He was dead when they reached him.

Oscar Schwenke, Jr., of 327 Sterling place, a brother-in-law of Coger, went last night with his wife to the home of the Cogers to take them to the carnival parade in his automobile. He left the car standing at the curb opposite the house. Before the party was ready to start Coger walked out of the house and got into the car. He sat there for some time, apparently deeply engrossed in something that he was turning over in his mind. Persons who were passing heard the report of a revolver and saw him fall back against the cushions.

Mr. Schwenke sent the two women into the house and ran across the pavement to the machine. Those inside the house telephoned for Dr. Addison Raynor, who hurried around from 630 Flatbush avenue. The physician found a wound in the right temple of the dead man.

The house at 72 Midwood street is the home of Mrs. Coger's father, August Wulffing, who has a varnish factory in Sanford street, Brooklyn. Coger and his wife made their home with him, and up to three weeks ago the two men were in business together. The partnership was dissolved, and Coger's friends say that thereafter he was worried about money matters.

SIXTEEN DAYS WITHOUT FOOD.

Shipwrecked Crew Rescued in the Gulf After Great Suffering.

GALVESTON, Tex., Oct. 9.—The oil steamer Winifred, Capt. Jenkins, came across the waterlogged schooner Kate Feltre early this week in the Gulf, 500 miles from land. The schooner had been adrift for twenty days. For sixteen days the crew had been without food and for several days without water.

The schooner was bound from Mobile to Matanzas, Cuba. A day before the oil steamer picked up the wreck in the Gulf 500 miles out of its course one of the crew, Carl Rudolf, died. Another member, Will Behrman, was washed overboard. The schooner sailed from Mobile on September 16, was struck by a hurricane in the Gulf on September 19 and disabled and waterlogged after four days fight with the storm. A few cans of tomatoes and corn were fished from the water filled cabin, but the water supply was ruined.

On September 25, six days without water, the crew caught about eight quarts of rain water in cans and managed to make this do about four days, although three of the crew had to be tied to the deck house to keep them from consuming all the water.

From September 29 the men were without food or water, and five of them it is feared may never fully recover from the experience. For several days before being rescued they had been eating the barnacles scraped from the sides of the schooner by three of their associates, the others being too weak to do this. To add to their sufferings the men saw four steamers pass within hailing distance.

PIONEERS RUN ON TIME.

Vanderbilt Coaching Party Reaches Newport Right on the Schedule.

NEWPORT, R. I., Oct. 9.—Without a mishap to mar the trip or to cause a delay the coach Pioneer with the members of the New York Coaching Club arrived here this afternoon exactly at 4:55, the time scheduled for the arrival before the coach left New York.

Within an hour after that time the coach was in the stable at Oakland Farm, Alfred G. Vanderbilt's home in Portsmouth, and the long 308 mile record trip of the club was at an end. Today's run was from New London, where the members had been the guests over night of C. Ledyard Blair on his yacht Diana.

H. E. Coe took the box seat on the start from New London and he drove as far as Mystic. At this place the first of Mr. Vanderbilt's relays of horses was met and Mr. Vanderbilt donned his coaching uniform and took the reins for the remainder of the trip. He saved his best coach horses for the last relay, which was picked up at Saunderstown before crossing the ferry to Conanicut Island and then crossing to the Newport shore.

This relay was composed of Wonder and Soudwonder in the lead and Oakland Boy and Sagamore led on the pole. Mr. Vanderbilt carried his horses off at a lively trot through Newport and Conanicut on the last leg of the long journey. The only delay of the day's run occurred after the party had reached Newport. One of the horses became ill on Broadway and had to be taken off. Mr. Vanderbilt soon, however, had his horses hitched with but a single leader and in this way he continued on to his farm.

While the coach was crossing Conanicut Island, Mr. Vanderbilt's coach dog Rouge, which was running alongside of the coach, caught one of his legs under the coach wheels and the bone was broken. The dog was picked up by those in Mr. Vanderbilt's automobile, which was following the members of the club who spent to-morrow as the guests of Mr. Vanderbilt and they will leave to-morrow evening on the Diana for New York.

NO WOMAN ON BALLOT.

Mrs. Lang Can't Run for Legislature in Baltimore.

WRIGHT BEATS WORLD RECORD

FLIES 500 METER CLOSED COURSE IN 55 3-5 SECONDS.

Makes Flight Without Using His Starting Derrick and Weights—Permits Lieut. Lahm to Control the Machine, and to Please Dr. Wu Goes Up 250 Feet.

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Oct. 9.—Just to show how easy it is when one knows how, Wilbur Wright, this nation's only instructor in the art of manipulating heavier than air flying machines, lopped 20 seconds from a world's record shortly after breakfast this morning, demonstrated his independence of starting devices a few minutes later and did not call it a day's work until he had permitted Lieut. Frank P. Lahm of the United States Signal Corps to assume partial control of the biplane during one short flight.

And then, just to show that there was not any accident about it, Mr. Wright went up for his second flight without using his starting derrick and weights. Partly to please Dr. Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese Minister, and partly because he hadn't any other stunt in mind, he pointed the biplane toward the clouds and slowly rose until the more or less expert spectators below said he was 250 feet above the field.

In all Mr. Wright made five successful ascents. Twice he tried to go up without the starting device, but failed. Only once did he take a passenger, but then he showed in a few minutes that his work as instructor of applied aerodynamics need not be of long duration unless weather conditions changed.

Mr. Wright was at the aeroplane shed bright and early and by 8:30 was ready for his "class" to begin its morning studies. At 8:55 he made his first start, trying to "jump" from the monorail without the weights. Orville Wright, who is entertaining Germany with some sensational flying, made one ascent at Fort Myer during the Government tests of last summer without the weights and Brother Wilbur wanted to show that he could turn the same trick.

When Orville made his ascent without weights he faced a fairly good breeze—an unobstructed aid in getting up—and showed a momentum which was a noticeable peculiarity. Wilbur hadn't anything at College Park to aid him this morning except faith and his two propellers. Both worked admirably, but he forgot to loosen the little crossbar with wheels on which the biplane rests on its track, and consequently he didn't rise at all, but slipped over the ground for 180 feet and stopped.

At 10:15 Mr. Wright started again, this time using the weights. He jumped grandly off the end of the monorail and slipped away in brilliant fashion. After a little preliminary flying he turned straight west and began his first flight at College Park against time. The Signal Corps detail had measured off a 500 meter stretch and during this flight Lieut. Lahm stood at one end and Lieut. Humphreys at the other. Mr. Wright made the 500 meters up the field with the wind in 24 3-5 seconds, according to Lieut. Lahm's stopwatch. With the wind against him he came down in 24 3-4. According to calculations made afterward Mr. Wright attained a speed of approximately forty-six miles an hour. Mr. Wright said the biplane was not made to make more than forty-four miles an hour, but he really believed he made on this trip more than forty-six and nearer fifty.

On the second lap of this trip Mr. Wright broke the world's record over a "closed" course of 500 meters. He travelled from the starting line up to where Lieut. Humphreys stood, "turned" that officer and came back in 55 3-5 seconds. No time was allowed for the turn and Mr. Wright thought he had travelled possibly 1,200 meters. The best record he could remember for a 500 meter closed course was 1 minute 19 seconds, made by Leo Delagrang, the Frenchman. The time wasn't official, but Lieut. Lahm held the watch and his figures were accepted by the spectators. On this flight Mr. Wright stayed in the air six minutes.

The second flight was brief and uneventful. Mr. Wright lifted the biplane off the track in beautiful style at 9:28 o'clock and flew in near circles for three minutes. The third time he disdained the starting derrick and the momentum it gives, paid no attention to the lack of helping wind and pulled the clattering machine into the air in beautiful style at 9:58:30 o'clock. All he wanted to do, apparently, was to show that he could go up unassisted, for he remained in the air but a few seconds over a minute.

Long before Mr. Wright came on to the field in the afternoon the curious from Washington and Baltimore and little near hamlets began to crowd around the aeroplane shed. One of the first to arrive was Dr. Wu Ting-fang, with him in a taxicab came Mme. Wu and their daughter-in-law. The brilliant dress of the Oriental visitors appealed to the crowd more than did the biplane in the shed, and the taxicab became the centre of interest. Dr. Wu's first question (he asked them by the hundred) was: "Where's Mr. Wright, and will there be a flight this afternoon?"

A few minutes after the arrival of the Chinese Minister Lieut. Humphreys came up. In a twinkling Dr. Wu had him cornered and led him into the shed. For fifteen minutes Lieut. Humphreys explained the workings of the biplane, while the smiling and bespectacled diplomat asked questions galore.

"Yes," he said after listening to explanations, "but could you fly to New York?"

Mr. Wright began his first afternoon flight at 5:11. For the first time on this trip he permitted another hand than his own to control even partially the biplane. Lieut. Lahm had the honor of receiving the first words of direction in practical operation of the machine. Mr. Wright placed a third control lever in front of his seat and with this Mr. Lahm was allowed to raise and lower the elevating planes. The flight lasted five minutes and Mr. Wright said that his pupil proved apt.

The last flight of the day was made without the starting weights. It began at 5:13 and lasted three and a half minutes. This flight Mr. Wright made alone. He attained a height of at least 250 feet. Unless the weather is unfavorable Mr. Wright will put his pupil up at work on actual operation beginning Monday. He will not fly to-morrow.

JEROME WITHDRAWS.

Expected Announcement Made in a Few Words—Whitman Gratified.

The expected announcement of District Attorney Jerome's withdrawal from his candidacy for reelection was made yesterday by John A. Henneberry, who gave out this statement at the Jerome headquarters:

"After careful reflection it seems to me I ought no longer to continue as a candidate for election to the office of District Attorney of New York county, and I have to-day filed my declaration of nomination as a candidate for that office."

Mr. Jerome was not present when the announcement was made and added nothing to it.

Charles S. Whitman, the fusion candidate for District Attorney, made this statement when informed of Mr. Jerome's withdrawal:

"I think it very desirable that the issues be so narrowed that the people can decide as between Tammany and anti-Tammany. To that extent I am gratified by the withdrawal of Mr. Jerome's third candidacy."

While it has been known that Mr. Jerome would not continue in the race, there has been a great deal of interest in the question whether or not he would come out in support of Mr. Whitman. Mr. Henneberry said last night in reply to a question on this point:

"I don't know what Mr. Jerome will do, but I rather think that he will simply allow himself to drop out of the campaign and will take no further interest in it."

Mr. Jerome, beginning to-morrow, will be out of town for a couple of weeks.

The Jerome headquarters will be taken over on Monday by George McAneny, the fusion nominee for Borough President of Manhattan, and by John Purroy Mitchell, the fusion candidate for President of the Board of Aldermen.

HORSE EXCHANGE TO GO.

Old Vanderbilt Property Likely to Give Way to a Business Block.

The American Horse Exchange, which occupies the block front on the north side of Fifth street, between Broadway and Seventh avenue, has been leased, according to reports heard yesterday, to a builder who will erect a business structure on the site. The report said that the lease was for a long term of years, and that the work of improving the plot would be started within the next twelve months.

The property is owned by William K. Vanderbilt. It has a frontage of 188 1/2 feet on Broadway, 148 1/2 feet on Fifth street, and 144 1/2 feet on Seventh avenue. It is covered with a structure of two and three story buildings erected about twenty years ago and used ever since by the Horse Exchange. The property is the largest parcel held by any one owner in that neighborhood. It covers, with the exception of a strip fifty feet wide running through from Broadway to Seventh avenue, the entire square block. In some quarters it was said that the lessee would prove to be the trustees of the Metropolitan Opera House, but this was denied by E. V. W. Rossett, Mr. Vanderbilt's representative.

ALL BRITISH AEROPLANE.

Flies 100 Yards, Turns Over and Smashes—Humphreys Not Hurt.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, Oct. 9.—Humphreys this evening attempted his first flight in an all British aeroplane to win the prize of £1,000, or \$5,000, offered by the Daily Mail. After he had gone a hundred yards his machine turned over, fell to the ground and was smashed. Humphreys was not injured.

MOROSINI LEFT \$2,660,000.

Banker's Estate Appraised for Transfer Tax.

The transfer tax appraisal of the estate of Giovanni P. Morosini, who died September 15, 1908, shows that he left a gross personal estate of \$2,513,758. The only real estate he owned, his estate at Riverdale, is valued at \$245,000. The deductions from the gross value of the estate for funeral expenses, debts, etc., leave a net real and personal estate of \$2,268,000.

The securities owned by the banker consist of 6,708 shares of Manhattan Railway stock, valued at \$900,197; 8,713 shares of Western Union, \$531,543, and 3,000 shares of American Sugar, \$304,500. Mr. Morosini's miniatures, antiques, coins and household furniture are valued at \$227,082.

The testator left to his daughter Giulia the Riverdale estate, the antiques, coins, etc., and a life interest in \$1,993,427. He left his sons, Giovanni and Attilio, and his daughter Anna a life interest in \$150,000, and his daughter Vittoria, who is now in a convent, a life interest in \$75,000.

NICK LONGWORTH SUE.

Served With Paper Demanding \$73.75 on His Arrival in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 9.—Congressman Nicholas Longworth arrived home to-day to make stump speeches in the municipal campaign. "Welcome to our city," said Constable Brown to Longworth impressively.

Constable Brown was from Magistrate Lamping's court, and while he extended his right hand to the Congressman his left clutched a legal looking paper bearing the inscription "E. E. Eitel vs. Nicholas Longworth; suit for \$73.75 for automobile hire." Congressman Longworth was stupefied.

REGISTRATION STILL SCANT.

WHOLE CITY 35,000 SHORT COMPARED WITH 1908.

And 12,000 Behind 1905—This County Lacks 17,000 of the Three Day Figures of the Last Mayoralty Fight and Kings 5,700—One Day Remains.

The total registration in Greater New York for three days has reached 491,734. As compared with four years ago, the last Mayoralty campaign, this shows a falling off of 18,433, and as compared with last year the falling off is 57,732.

In Manhattan and The Bronx 51,809 voters registered yesterday, bringing the total for three days up to 256,745. This is 14,800 less than four years ago and 34,000 less than last year.

Not a single district came up to last year's figures, but seven exceeded those of four years ago. As compared with four years ago the greatest gain is shown in the Twenty-third, with a little more than 7,000. The Nineteenth, Thirty-second, Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth districts show substantial gains.

In Brooklyn the registration for the day was 81,292, which made the total for the three days 175,405. Last year the total for three days was 167,847 and in 1905, the last Mayoralty campaign, was 178,101, so this year shows a falling off as compared with 1905 of 5,700. In six of the districts there were gains as compared with four years ago, and in the Ninth, Sixteenth, Eighteenth and Twenty-second these gains amounted to about 3,000 in each district. In the other seven districts there was a large falling off. Not a district in the county came up to last year's registration.

In Queens the total for the day was 11,595 and for the three days 56,886. This exceeds last year's registration by 742 and the total for three days in 1905 by more than 8,000. The population of Queens is rapidly increasing.

In Richmond county 4,182 voters registered, which made the total for three days 11,852. Last year the total for three days was 12,240, and in 1905, 11,807.

This is the summary of the three days registration as compared with the previous four years figures.

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BOY OF ELEVEN AT HARVARD.

Young Sidis, the Mathematical Prodigy, Admitted as a Special Student.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 9.—A boy named Sidis, 11 years old, was admitted to Harvard University to-day as a special student. Sidis comes to Harvard after spending one year at Tufts and was therefore admitted without the usual entrance examinations.

For many years Sidis has been known not only